



## **JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754**

**Website: [www.koc14754.org](http://www.koc14754.org)**

“The best way to cheer yourself up, is to try to cheer somebody else up.” Mark Twain

“If everybody is thinking alike, then somebody isn’t thinking.” General George S. Patton

“Those who have one foot in the canoe, and one foot in the boat, are going to fall into the river.”  
Native American philosophy

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear & the blind can see.” Mark Twain

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

18 of our member knights were born in June. Their average age is 61. Our oldest Knight born this month is the master of sausage making Ben Mendoza, who celebrates his 78th this month. Our youngest knight with a birthday this month is Kevin Kearney (he turns 31 and also gets married this month. Congratulations on both!) The average years of service for Knights born in June is about 8.5 years. Lawrence Hendricks, with 30 years of service, is our senior Knight of June. We also have longtime members Richard Escalante, Pete Santiago, and Matt Harkey. Only one Sir Knight with a birthday this month--Vince Pagano. Speaking of the Fourth Degree and patriotism, Mike Shive celebrates a birthday on Flag Day.

### **Day, Knight, Yrs service**

11, Matthew Idoux, 7  
11, Gary Piron, 6  
12, Keith Peters, 8  
13, Don Castro, 1  
13, Dino Chumpitaz, 12  
13, Jose Gabella, 4  
14, Mike Shive, 2  
15, Ben Mendoza, 8  
17, Sean Santillan, 1  
18, Lawrence Hendricks, 30  
18, Vincent Pagano, 11  
20, Richard Escalante, 14  
21, David Lopez, 2  
23, Matt Harkey, 14  
26, Eric Menor, 8  
28, Michael Cooper, 8  
28, Pete Santiago, 15  
30, Kevin Kearney,

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The submission deadline for our June newsletter is July 9. Please send as Word Documents. Please email submissions to Ed Knudson: email: [osuetk@bak.rr.com](mailto:osuetk@bak.rr.com)

**MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL CHAPLAIN MONSIGNOR PERRY**

Dear Brother Knights and Friends:

I am grateful to God for the many blessings He has shared with us this past year of ministry. Personally, I've been busier than ever and the number of people celebrating the Sacraments during the Easter Season (RCIA, Adult Confirmation, First Confessions, First Communions, High School Confirmation) exceeded all of the previous years for our parish. This is a wonderful blessing. But it also puts some demands on us to find ways of moving our parish building project forward and to try and accommodate the many people who are attending Masses and participating in ministries here.

I will be contemplating some changes for the Fall that might include another Mass (on Sunday afternoon), purchasing another modular unit and, perhaps, getting some assistance from a priest (part-time). Please keep these possibilities in prayer.

Thanks to GK Bill Jeffries whose steady hand got us through the year as well as all the officers and members who assisted in the parish events of this past year.

Have a blessed summer! I hope each of you has some time with family to rest and be renewed.

Msgr Perry

## JUNE MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Thank you, Brother Knights, for your Time, Talent, Treasure and Prayers during this fraternal year that ends June 30, 2025.

In May 2025 the SEAS Council #14754 issued checks for the following:

1. SEAS Capital Campaign Building Fund \$10,000
2. Donation to Father Martin Ortega \$1,757(\$1,000 council & \$757 from Brother Knights)
3. LMF for Lenten Dinner Support \$1,500
4. Right to Life Kern County \$ 500
5. SVDP Breakfast food costs \$ 593.24

This funding is possible from the profits of the 6 Friday Lenten Fish Fry dinners. Thank you!

**IMPORTANT** items to **review again** this Month of June with SEAS Brother Knights:

1. We have SEAS Knights with a First or Second Degree. Brother Craig Holliday, Membership Director and GK Bill Jeffries will be reaching out to you by email/phone to encourage you to attend a 30 minute on-demand ceremony from home on your computer. You can have your family participate with you as you review the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity required of a Third Degree Knight.
2. We also need to update each SEAS Knight's email address, phone number, spouse and next of kin contact information. This past year we had a single Brother Knight who passed away and we did not have a next of kin contact when funeral plans were to be made. Your contact information needs to be verified and updated with changes if necessary.
3. I encourage young Knights with children or planning to have children to review the newest Fraternal Benefits for your family. Contact Fraternal Insurance Agent Brother Uriel Payan, at 661-699-0366 or by email at [uriel.payan@kofc.org](mailto:uriel.payan@kofc.org) . This information is truly invaluable.
4. It's time for new Knights along with Charter Knights to stay involved and active during our upcoming fraternal year. We need some of you to attend the monthly Officers' Business meetings and to learn what the Directors and Officers do. Get involved with your Council!
5. We would also love to have some "handy and creative" Knights to review, clean up, and give a "facelift" to our bulletin board above the food donation collection bin. Plastic paper holder is broken and needs to be replaced. Contact GK Bill at 661-706-6171

We will have our election for the office of SEAS Knights of Columbus #14754 Grand Knight for '25 –'26 on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>. To vote you need to be a member of council #14754 and have your 2025 dues paid and be present during the time ballots are distributed and then collected for counting.

The two Knights on the Ballot for Grand Knight for '25 –'26 are:

Brother Louis Rodriguez and Brother Andy Silvestro

Brother Knights you, your family and friends are invited to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> **Sunday Rosary June 29<sup>th</sup>** that begins after the end of the 7:30 AM Mass. If you attend the 9:30 AM Mass come a little early for parking, get a good seat and recite the Rosary.

God Bless You Brother Knights and your family!

GK Bill Jeffries

## APPEAL FOR DONATION

On behalf of Brothers Andy Silvestro and Michael Dhanens, Council 14754 would like to begin collecting, on a monthly basis, item from our membership for distribution to either St. Vincent DePaul Center and/or the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center. We would like to make this an ongoing ministry so please consider bringing to each General Meeting any of the following items:

### **For St. Vincent DePaul Center:**

*New men's and women's socks and underwear*

*Gently used men's and women's clothing that can be used directly by the homeless*

*Heavy duty re-usable plastic grocery bags*

### **For the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center:**

*Diapers (all sizes)*

*Gently used baby clothes for both boys and girls*

*Baby blankets*

*New bottles, pacifiers, teething toys*

**Fr. Martin prepares for his first Mass.**



**Father Maritn's First Mass**

